

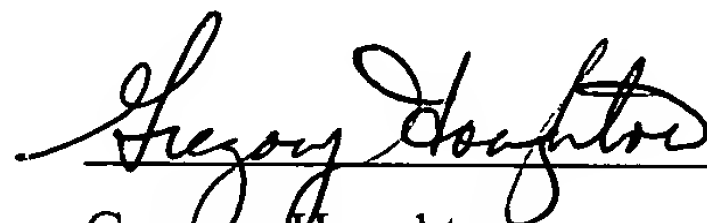
**Remarks**

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Atkinson for the discussion concerning the above-identified application on January 20, 2004. During the conversation, Examiner Atkinson stated that the proposed amendments in Applicant's response to Advisory Action mailed December 12, 2004 could not be introduced after final. Examiner suggested that Applicants file a Request for Continued Examination and ask to have the amendments introduced placing the application in condition for allowance. Applicants have filed a Request for Continued Examination as suggested by Examiner Atkinson and respectfully request that the following amendments presented in Applicants response to the Advisory Action mailed December 12, 2003 be introduced.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and request that all claims be allowed. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned should he believe that this would expedite prosecution of this application. It is believed that no fee is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2165.

Respectfully submitted,

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